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2015 FRANCIS H. RAYMOND AWARD

The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection requests nominations for the **2015 Francis H. Raymond Award**. The award is given to the individual(s), organization, agency or company who has contributed the most to the management and increased awareness of California's forested resources over the past five years.

The award is named in honor of Francis H. Raymond, former State Forester and leading advocate of the passage of Assembly Bill 469 in 1972, which resulted in the Professional Foresters Licensing Law.

Nominations are due to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection by no later than Friday, **March 6th, 2015**. The nominations will then be reviewed by the Board's nomination review committee. Upon a recommendation by the nomination review committee, the Award will be presented during a meeting of the Board. Direction on the suggested nomination format is provided below.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the staff of the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection at 916-653-8031 or by email to matt.dias@bof.ca.gov. Nominations may be posted to the attention of the FHR Nomination Review Committee, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460. Contributions to endow the Francis H. Raymond Award are greatly appreciated. The stipend that accompanies this Award depends on the interest earned from donations made to the Francis H. Raymond Fund.

Suggested Francis H. Raymond Award Nomination Format

THERE IS NO ESTABLISHED FORMAT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS. THE NOMINEES MUST AGREE TO THE SUBMISSION OF THEIR NAME FOR CONSIDERATION. BASED ON PREVIOUS SUCCESSFUL NOMINATIONS, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUGGESTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE NOMINATION PACKET:

- A short introduction letter on nominator's letterhead.
- A narrative of the nominee's qualifications, educational background, work history and accomplishments. (The Award criteria dictates that the work of the past five years is the key to selection, irrespective of a long history of superior service or accomplishment)

- Letters of support from other individuals and organizations are important. A wide spectrum of support from diverse interests, including local politicians, has been a characteristic of previous successful nominees.
- Copies of newspaper or magazine articles on the nominee are key to supporting a nomination.
- Attach examples of the nominee's work and/or publications, if appropriate.
- Photographs may be helpful if they illustrate the extent of the nominee's dedication and accomplishment.
- **The key to the Award is effort above and beyond what is normally expected on the job.** Volunteer efforts, serving on committees, public service, etc., are important.
- The nomination committee requests the submission of five copies of the nomination packet. It is requested that all letters of support be included with the initial nomination, rather than submitted individually.

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